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Local Politics.

Notwithstanding rumors of legislative action that may abolish the spring election, active preparations for the election contest are in progress in every election district in the town.

The past week has been one of conferences and caucuses and committee meetings. The attendance at the conferences has varied all the way from ten persons down to two. Some of them have been of a secret character and others of a partisan nature. The objective purpose of these conferences has been the securing of control of the Republican ward primaries and the Republican Town Convention; the latter in particular.

At this present time the several groups of citizens who are commendably interesting themselves in the public welfare in a political way are wide apart in their choice of representatives and in matters of policy. The conferences of course are merely preparatory to forming a line of action to be submitted for general adoption. At one of the conferences held during the past week, and which was of unusual importance owing to the high standing in the community of those who participated in it, candidates and a policy were fixed upon. Whether or not the plans laid will carry depends upon how far they may prove acceptable to the plans of other groups of citizens in other parts of the town who have been recently assembling and forming plans and putting forth candidates with a view to promoting the material welfare of the town in general and gratifying the ambitions of aspirants for political honors in particular.

Death of Henry B. Sheldon.

This town lost one of its highly esteemed citizens in the death of Henry B. Sheldon, which occurred at an early hour on Wednesday morning, after a four weeks' illness of pneumonia. Mr. Sheldon was forty-three years of age. He was born in this town. He was the senior member of the firm of Henry B. Sheldon & Co., merchandise brokers, No. 96 Water street, New York city.

Mr. Sheldon was an active member of Westminster Church, and had filled the office of elder. He was actively identified with general religious work in the town. He is survived by a widow and two children.

The Board of Trade on Thursday night adopted the following resolution in tribute to the death of Mr. Sheldon:

The Board of Trade of the town of Bloomfield has heard with deep regret of the death of our highly esteemed member and fellow-citizen, Mr. Henry B. Sheldon, and desires to express its appreciation of his high character and his services to the community. In accord with this desire, we place on our minutes the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Trade has heard with sorrow of the death of our valued member, Mr. Henry B. Sheldon, and extend to his family its sympathy in their great loss.

FREDERICK M. DAVIS,
GODFREY O. SEIBERT,
ARTHUR RUSSELL,
Committee.

Provisions of the Bill.

Senate bill No. 110 provides for the following details:

A Mayor, vested with power to veto acts of the Council.

A Councilman-at-Large, in addition to the Mayor, who shall preside over the Council.

An Excise Commission, composed of three members, who shall grant excise licenses and have charge of excise matters generally.

A Fire Commission, composed of three members.

A Sewer Commission, if it be desired by the citizens.

Members of the Board of Education, to be elected by the town at large, instead of the several wards respectively.

The appointments of the several commissions are to be made by the Mayor.

There are also provisions for issuing bonds to the amount of \$75,000 for the erection of public buildings and for an isolation hospital.

The place to see the newest and cheapest things in cut glass for Easter gifts is at the glass store of C. Dorfinger & Sons, 2 and 5 West 19th Street, near Fifth Avenue, New York.—Advt.

We have cast iron and guarantee the work. Chas. W. Smith, 25 Broad street.—Advt.

Even the Children Resent the Attack Upon the Soldiers' Home.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The continued silence of the Committee on Federation, or whatever you may wish to call them, shows them entirely unprepared and unable to refute the arguments of the veterans. It may, perhaps, mean that they have seen their error, and by silence are giving consent to the statements made against them; but if not, they are worse than ingrates to speak as they do of the veterans. What if they do live in luxury? Surely they deserve it. They fought hard to save our country; they laid their lives on the altar of freedom, many of them. Oh, how many of them to be sacrificed! We, the young people of to-day, cannot realize, nay, cannot imagine, the dangers, the horrors of that struggle. What if they do sleep on soft beds, with clothing enough to keep them warm? Is it not their right? Think of the nights spent on the hard, cold ground, with no covering but their blankets, which, perchance, had to be shared with two or three comrades! What if they do have beautiful walks and a beautiful view from their windows! Think of the marches over rough, stony hillsides, or hot, sandy roads! Think of the time when their only window was a rent in the tent cloth, when the beautiful landscape was composed of barren fields, of guns pointed at them threatening for their life blood, and seemingly impatient for the morning! Can you, then, begrudge them a few of the home-comforts which we enjoy without question? Surely, it is impossible for American citizens to be so ungrateful, so base! Such a report could surely only be made from narrow and prejudiced minds.

Let us turn back to 1860. What was the condition of the country? With the stain of slavery upon her reputation and its blot upon her name, could it have risen to its present position in the world? No! If it had not been for these men could we say as we do now, "Noble Republic, happiest of lands, foremost of nations, Columbia stands?" Without the aid of our veterans our country would have been split into factions, and probably swallowed by John Bull, or some other nation with an equally rapacious appetite. We cannot do too much for the saviors of our country. We owe them all the love and gratitude it is in our power to give.

It has been said that they were paid for their services; but how were they paid? In a depreciated currency. Instead of the large and magnificent sum of thirteen dollars for a month's service, they received in actual value six dollars and a half to send to the dear ones at home. Did this pay? Every loyal citizen, young and old, should bitterly resent this scurrilous attack upon our protectors under cover of the name of Federation or any other title. The veterans are passing quickly away; soon their earthly battles will all have been fought, and it is our duty and privilege to take up their cause and crush their enemies into the earth, and we, the young people of to-day, can and will do it.

A DAUGHTER OF A VETERAN.

Methodist Conference.
The forty-seventh annual session of the Newark Methodist Episcopal Conference will be held in St. Luke's Church, in Clinton avenue, Newark, beginning March 23, and continuing about a week. Bishop Earl Cranston will preside. The Conference will be of unusual importance because it precedes by only a few weeks the General Conference, which meets in Los Angeles, Cal. The Newark Conference will select delegates to that gathering and instruct them how to vote on some of the important questions that will doubtless come up there.

On Tuesday night preceding the opening of the Conference the usual reception will be held. Congressman John J. Gardner will be one of the speakers. The Conference proper will open Wednesday morning with a business meeting, and the anniversaries and other public sessions will take place in the afternoon and evenings. At 8.30 o'clock each morning Rev. Henry A. Butts, D. D., President of Drew Theological Seminary, will conduct a prayer service and a series of expositions on Bible topics.

The first of the anniversary meetings will take place on Wednesday afternoon, when the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will hold a service. On the evening of the same day the Centenary Fund and Preachers' Aid Society will meet. The service Thursday afternoon will be in charge of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and in the evening of the same day the anniversaries of the Prohibition and Church Extension Societies will take place. The latter will be held in St. Paul's Church, Broad and Marshall streets.

On Friday there will be a business session, lasting until 11.30 o'clock in the morning. At this hour the Lay Electoral Conference, composed of laymen from the different churches, will be received. In the afternoon Bishop Cranston will deliver his charge to the class of candidates for orders, and also the Conference missionary sermon. Two anniversaries will be observed at night: The Sunday-School Union and Education Societies will meet in St. Luke's Church, while the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society will gather in the Franklin Street Church.

Violin and piano instruction at pupils' home or teacher's residence. For terms address William J. Maier, No. 47 Fairmount avenue, Newark, N. J.—Advt.

Pepys, Peepies or What?

A correspondent (an American, we presume) writes to ask how he shall pronounce the name of the excellent diarist we occasionally quote. "Do you," he asks, "call Pepys 'Pepys' or 'Peepies' or 'Chumley' or what?" Even among contemporary London talkers there is disagreement, but the question should be settled by one Mr. James Carcassee, whom Pepys kindly took in his boat to view the great fire and who returned the compliment by a somewhat virulent set of verses in his volume "Lucida Intervals."

Get thee behind me, then, dumb devil, begone.
The Lord hath Ephthata said to my tongue.

Him I must praise who open'd hath my lips,
Sent me from navy to the ark by Pepys.

The rhythm is dreadful, but the rhyme is conclusive, and the man who roved in the same boat with the diarist called him "Pippis"—London Chronicle.

[An accepted American dictionary authority also gives Pep's as the correct pronunciation of his name.—Ed.]

They Hunger For Praise.

"Praise is sweet," remarked a certain teller, "yet it seems to be against the rule of many business houses. Perhaps they fear you'll demand a raise if they compliment your work. Why, even a man friend of mine, who is engaged in window decoration, says he wants to be told if his work is satisfactory. He dreams of it all night when it doesn't give him a nightmare, and he works at it all day. He longs to be told when it is effective, but he has to be content with the fact that, as he puts it, he'd be fired if it were not satisfactory. As for me, I design these doll dresses and other dainty things and also arrange them for display. I long for praise when I feel that my labors have been crowned with success. But, alas, my firm also pursues the claim policy—perhaps it is the best policy—in spite of the fact that I'd work the skin off my fingers to try to exceed my best work if only that were praised."—Philadelphia Record.

Sensitive Horses.

The horse does not like a nervous, edgy, fussy or irritable man. He is too nervous and irritable himself. "Why is it," one teamster was heard to ask another, "that Phil's horses are always gaunt? Phil feels them well." "Yes," was the reply, "but he's like a wasp around a horse." A well known owner of race horses, not at all a sentimental person, recently made an order forbidding his employees to talk in loud tones or to swear in the stable. "I have never yet seen a good man," he says, "that was being sworn at all the time. It hurts the feelings of a sensitive horse, and I'll keep my word good to discharge any man in my employ if I catch him swearing within the hearing of any horse in this stable."—Country Life in America.

Wedded in a Bunch.

According to an old Breton custom, all the marriages of the year take place on one day. After the legal wedding has been performed the couples take their stand in a row behind the high altar of the church, and behind them sit their fathers and mothers, and so do their cousins and their uncles and their aunts, all arrayed in their brightest colored raiment and the whitest and stiffest of collars. The scene in the church is picturesque beyond description. They go through the ceremony in unison. The moral support it must give to the timeliest bridegroom!

Three in Chinese.

Religious superstition asserts itself in Chinese architecture, and the universal sacredness of the numerals three and nine is shown in the arrangement of temple doors. There is a triple gateway to each of the halls of the imperial palace, and the same order prevails at the Ming tombs. The Temple of Heaven has a triple roof, a triple marble staircase, and all its mystic symbolism points either to three or its multiples.

Disappointment.

"I hope," said the ducal bridegroom anxiously, as he boarded the Cunarder with his American bride, "that your diamonds are safe in your bag."

"My dear," replied she, "I am not the first of our family to marry into the British nobility. My aunt married a duke. My diamonds are safe at home in papa's vault."—Town Topics.

The Danger in It.

"See here!" cried the victim, after the accident. "I thought you said it was perfectly safe to go up in that old elevator?"

"So it was safe to go up," replied the elevator man. "The dangerous part of it was the coming down."—Philadelphia Press.

In Training.

Mr. Newly Riche—We must learn how to behave, Maria. If we are going to enter society. Mrs. Newly Riche—We will, my dear. The new set of servants I have engaged have been in the best families.—Detroit Free Press.

Be Pleasant.

Let us take time to be pleasant. The small courtesies, which we often omit because they are small, will some day look larger to us than the wealth which we have coveted or the fame for which we have struggled.

Natural History.

Eva—Mother says I'm descended from Mary, queen of Scots. Tom (her brother)—So am I then. Eva—Don't be silly, Tom. You can't be—you're a boy!—Punch.

The world is satisfied with words. Few appreciate the things beneath.—Pace.

Basket-Ball.

In a game of basket-ball played in the Glen Ridge High School gymnasium on Wednesday afternoon, the Glen Ridge High School defeated the Sacred Heart team of this town by the score of 22 to 4. Dodd and Spear played a good game for Glen Ridge, and J. Higgins for the Sacred Heart. The line-up was as follows:

Glen Ridge.	Sacred Heart.
Chief	Hart
McDonald	left guard
Rayner	center
Dodd	right forward
Spear	left forward
Higgins	right forward

Score at end of first half, Glen Ridge 13, Sacred Heart 0. Final score, Glen Ridge 22, Sacred Heart 4. Referee—Mr. Hyde. Time-keeper—A. Bainbridge. Scorer—G. Smith.

Glen Ridge Church.

The Rev. James L. Barton, D. D., of Boston, will speak in the Glen Ridge Church to-morrow morning, and the Rev. Horace Porter it is expected, will preach at night. The Rev. Elliott W. Brown will give his lecture on "The Jews" Sunday evening, March 20, instead of the advertised date.

Park M. E. Church.

Dr. C. S. Woodruff will preach to-morrow at the Park M. E. Church at 10.30, on "The Lenten chapter of John's Gospel." In the evening on "Naaman the Leper." The choral union will be present and render special music.

Berkeley School Robbed.

The Berkeley school building was entered on Sunday night and the teachers' desks ransacked. The thief or thieves got a small amount of money and some pens and pencils. The robbery is attributed to some boys who had been seen about the school-house at different times late in the evening.

L. S. Plaut & Co.'s Superb Display of Women's Spring Outfear.

Probably no other store in the State of New Jersey is prepared to cater to Springtime needs as well as L. S. Plaut & Co. of Newark. Their collection of Spring Outfear surpasses anything ever seen in Newark and is well worth anyone's time and attention. Many weeks have been devoted to the collecting of this great line. Every new and popular fabric is represented; also every accepted style—particularly noteworthy is the display of tailored suits. As everyone knows, this firm enjoys the distinction of always showing the latest line, and this season they have positively outdone themselves in point of lavishness. Another department which deserves more than passing attention is that of shoes—the new Spring lines are now ready. L. S. Plaut & Co. are sole Newark agents for the "Soro-sis" shoes and Oxford, and the Spring showing of this celebrated make is indeed a complete one.

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Patents issued to Jerseymen and reported for the CITIZEN by Drake & Co., solicitors of patents, corner Broad and Market streets, Newark, N. J.:

Pump valve, O. Arendt, Newark; door check and closer, J. Bardeley, Montclair; railway signal system (two patents), H. Brzer, Westfield; show tree, R. C. Grossman, Jersey City; speed changer, G. E. Greenleaf, Jersey City; shoe holder, P. S. Kinsey, Newark; match safe, Daniel S. Kinsey, Newark; carriage spacing attachment for writing machines, L. Maybaum, Newark; powder container, J. M. McIntyre, Jersey City; controlling valve, A. H. Mosner, Westfield; rawhide splitting machine, Charles H. Peit, Newark; typewriting machine, P. S. Rose, Newark; lyne eyes attachment for fish poles, F. W. Roth, West Hoboken; slide register for sheet-folding or other machines, C. A. Sturtevant, Plainfield.

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